

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

All of the original claims have been canceled, and claims 14-32 have been added.

Regarding the objection to the drawings, the limitation requiring the wiper arm to be formed of a largely straight flat material that is not twisted has been removed from the claims.

The specification has been amended as required by the Examiner.

Regarding the Section 112 rejections, the new claims have been written to address all of the issues raised.

New independent claim 14 includes limitations from original claims 1, 3 and 5 and additional limitations and specifies a device fixed to the wiper arm and comprising an articulating bolt for pivotably carrying the wiper blade, and a safety hook for partially gripping around the wiper blade in an operating position thereof, wherein the safety hook is a bent section of the free end of the wiper arm beyond the position of the articulating bolt.

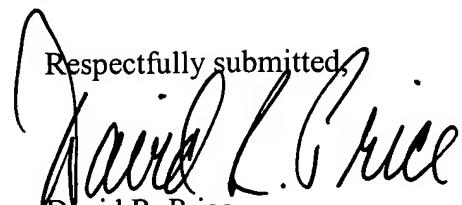
This construction is not taught by any of the cited references. Therefore, claim 14 and dependent claims 15-22 are allowable.

Claims 15-22 include the limitations of original claims 2 and 7-13, respectively, and include additional patentable subject matter.

New independent claim 23 specifies a windshield wiper assembly comprising, among other things, the device described above with respect to claim 14. Claim 23 and dependent claims 24-32 are allowable for the same reasons claim 14 is allowable.

Claims 24-32 include the limitations of original claims 2 and 7-13, respectively, and include additional patentable subject matter.

Entry of the above amendment and allowance of claims 14-32 are respectfully requested.

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